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## Fireside Decorations



by Ken Smith

Last year Peggy Gilbert asked us to examine and photograph the marvellous display of Christmas cheer that she and her staff had lovingly placed in the dining rooms of the Fireside Restaurant. The array was dazzling and even a little bit overwhelming, and provided scores of unique photos.

We did not have a chance to run a feature about these amazing decorations, but as the season approached this year, we wanted to make note of the creativity in the new displays. Due to COVID, only the two main dining areas were decorated this year. Peggy decided to focus mainly on the snowman

theme, filling glistening trees with perhaps a hundred little snowmen, and also displaying several large Frostys. She also emphasized ice skates, a familiar and much cherished symbol of Christmas nostalgia (and one that still has great meaning, as can be seen in this week's *Transitions* column).

Having visited with Peggy and observed the beauty, we were once again impressed at the good fortune we all have for the way area residents have shown their Christmas spirit, with both indoor and outdoor displays. Our hope is that this spirit will shine through to (and from) all our readers during this unique Christmas season. *Merry Christmas everyone!*

## Rural Development Finance Corporation Awards Grants in DRN ReadTech Area



On behalf of the Ellendale Lion's Club, Denise Olson, right, accepts the community grant donation from DRN ReadTech's Marketing Manager Janell Hauck to assist with building costs for Ellendale's new dog park.

Ellendale, ND, —DRN ReadTech is a member of the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC). As a result, communities in the service area were eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 to support community-owned entities, non-profits and community-based projects. Organizations in Ellendale, Fredonia and Kulm were recently selected for the grants.

RDFC chose the Ellendale's Lions Club as its first grant recipient. The club meets twice per month at the Fireside Restaurant; on the first Tuesday at noon and on the third Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. The grant funds will be used to help create a local dog park for the residents and guests of Ellendale.

The second RDFC grant was awarded to the Clifford Ost Post 260 in Fredonia. Many

small towns in the Midwest often name the local post after one of its fallen. Of the hundreds of young men serving from Logan County, Clifford Ost was the first to give his life during World War II. The grant funds will be used to replace the shingles on the roof of the Legion Hall.

The final RDFC grant went to Kulm Friendship Club Senior Center. The grant funds will be used to replace the kitchen floor and interior general repairs at the Senior Citizen Center.

RDFC is making these funds available in order that more people become aware of their larger loan program that funds community-based projects and non-profit entities with low interest loans. For an application, assistance, or questions concerning RDFC, please contact Lori Capouch at 701-667-6444 or lcapouch@ndarec.com.

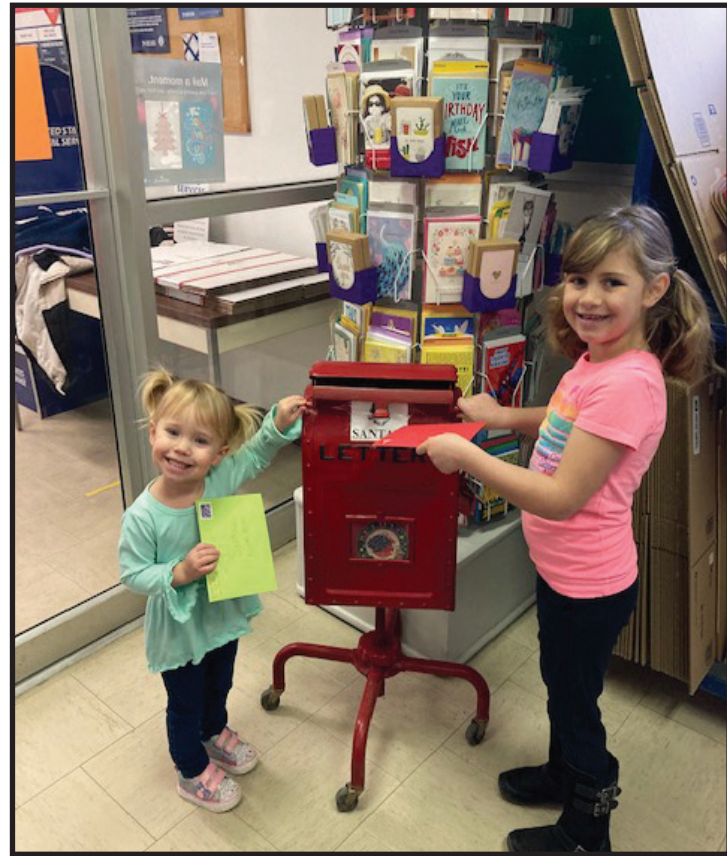
## Ellendale Has a Postal Connection to Santa!

--Washington, DC (USPS) In more ways than one, this year has been a struggle for many. Thoughts of kids, the holidays and wondering how to provide for them may also be weighing heavily on many. But Santa and the Postal Service have come to help. The USPS Operation Santa program decided to celebrate its 108th year in 2020 by opening up for nationwide participation.

The Postal Service established the USPS Operation Santa program to help those in need at the holidays experience the joy of opening presents — and to create special holiday memories. Since it began, millions of less fortunate children and their families have been helped by the kindness of others. The program is for every person of every belief, or non-belief. The purpose is to help as many deserving families as possible. And that can only be done if good-hearted adopters step forward.

Hundreds of thousands of letters are written to the USPS Operation Santa program every year in hopes of being adopted by kind and generous people across the country. These letters are opened by Santa's Elves and, for safety reasons, all personally identifiable information of the letter writer is removed (i.e. last names, addresses, ZIP Codes) and uploaded to USPSOperationSanta.com for adoption.

While the Postal Service began receiving letters to Santa more than 108 years ago, it wasn't until 1912 that Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock authorized local Postmasters to allow postal employees and citizens to respond to them. This became known as Operation Santa. The complete history can be found online at the Postal Service Holiday Newsroom, along with additional news and information, including all domestic, international and military mailing and shipping deadlines. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.



Bryah Adam (in green) and Mada Flynn (in pink) prepare to mail their letters to Santa at the Ellendale Post Office. Each year, hundreds of thousands of letters to Santa from children and families arrive at post offices around the country.

## CowBell Game was Postponed It will be re-Scheduled

## Wall Completed, Master Mason Talks Buildings, Vocation



With the completion of this project, (above) the entire rear of the Opera House has been rebuilt. Josh Larson (above) has put up all sorts of buildings, including new strip malls and shopping centers, but he has a special affection for old, historic buildings like the Opera House.

Story & Photos by Ken Smith

*"Seeing the work you did is the best part. The work's not easy but at the end of the day you can drive around and say 'I built that one, and I built that one.' The work stays around longer than you will."*

--Josh Larson

The contractor who replaced the wall on the back of the Ellendale Opera House spent about 45 minutes with the *Leader* last week. He talked about buildings and materials, about Ellendale and other towns in North Dakota, and about what he does as the head of Larson Masonry. Josh Larson and his crew came to Ellendale in early November and went right to work. Having first disassembled the old wall bit by bit, they placed the last block in the new wall on Friday, Dec. 11. After the cold-weather protective sheathing was removed that afternoon, a massive grey block wall stood where a cracking and crumbling assemblage of brick and clay and mortar had been. The building's problem had been fixed. The new structure was

as straight as a string, even to a careful eye. It was a welcome contrast to what it replaced.

Though he was critical of the original design and materials used on the rear wall, Josh was impressed with the high quality of the 112-year old brickwork on the building's three other sides. The back had a 12-inch combination of open-centered clay tile blocks, with cheap brick on the outside. "It looks," he said, "like they just threw whatever junk they had laying around at the project." That might have been just to save money. "Or maybe they had plans for expanding out from the back." Regardless of its inadequacies, the old wall had stood for well over a century. With the new wall in place, the building is good, O.P.E.R.A.'s architect has said, for at least another century.

After cleaning up the work site, Josh and his crew stayed around to assist Doug Muckey of Muckey Concrete Products with repair work at Starion Bank. Early in 2020, a small car lurched across the sidewalk, damaging a row of massive

sandstone blocks beneath the Bank's east front windows. As Josh explained, two of the blocks were damaged beyond use, so matching replacements—made in a mold from a special concrete blend—have been ordered. Josh said he'd be back to Ellendale in January to get the blocks in place and help finish the project. Josh and Doug are longtime friends, both with lots of concrete and masonry experience. The Bank repair presented an unusual case, which made Josh's particular expertise valuable.

During his time with the *Leader*, Josh stepped away from work at the Bank to visit the Coleman Museum. The Museum is housed in the former Farmers National Bank, erected in 1909. Josh was impressed by the quality of the archway and the brickwork at the front. He showed a few minor masonry fixes that need to be performed. He also offered some insights about what lies at the base of the entrance archway columns. Their massive concrete footings can be seen in the basement.

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## Frosty & Friends

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas, Ellendale's Christmas characters pause for a photo following the Parade of Lights, which was held last Saturday, December 19.

From left to right are the Elf (Jolene Maunu), Anton Geller, Arabelle Geller, Santa (Brandon Gunn), Laken Geller, Frosty (Sam Haase) and The Grinch (Megan Weibe).

For more photos, and details on this special annual event, See page 11.

From all of  
us at the  
Dickey County Leader  
Merry Christmas  
Ken • Roberta  
• Robin





# Calendar of Area Meetings



AA meetings will be every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale.

**TOPS** - meets every Thursday at 308 1st Ave. N. in Ellendale at 5:30 p.m.

**Coleman Museum - OPEN BY APPOINTMENT:** Call Ken Smith at 701-320-2794 or 349-3222.

**Ellendale City Council** - meets every 2nd Monday of the month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

**Ellendale Area Arts Council** meets the 1st Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m. at the Fireside (Woodland Room)

**Ellendale Park Board** meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**DICKEY COUNTY WIC** In Ellendale the program is administered by Dickey County Health District Office on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month. Appointments are made through Central Valley HD. Call 701-252-8130 for appointments. For more information call DCHD at 349-4348

**Golden Swingers Club** meets the 1st Wednesday of Jan. April, July & Oct at 12:30 p.m at Senior Center

**Dickey Co. Commissioners** meet in Ellendale the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Courthouse.

**Dickey County Health District** Foot Clinics held monthly at Dickey County Health District office in Ellendale. For appointment call 349-4348.

**Ellendale Masonic Lodge** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**American Legion Auxiliary** meets at 7:00 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Legion Clubrooms.

**Pinochle Friday Night.** 7:00 p.m. Fireside Woodland Room Prizes and Fun. Everyone Welcome

**American Legion and Sons of the American Legion** meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

**VFW Auxiliary** will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Senior Center - 2:00 p.m.

**Ellendale Echoes** is heard on KDDR Radio every Wednesday at 9:50 a.m.

**The Fire Department** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Ellendale Town News** on KSJB at 3:10 p.m. every Thursday. Tune in and listen!

**Ellendale Lions Club** meets 1st and 2nd Tuesdays at 5:30 at the Fireside

**Ellendale Public Library Board** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the library.

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# Transitions Column

## By Ken Smith - Editor, Dickey County Leader

### Wild Ice Skating

*Unusual things can be seen around the edges of the lake. Muskrats keep right on building their winter homes up in the dry, unfrightened by curious bystanders. There are logs and poles, half sunken rafts, abandoned boats, and comfortable fisherman's seats that one recognizes as old friends year after year.*

*Flocks of Canadian geese come in low overhead to settle on the open water or the smooth ice. Very beautiful both to see and to hear. One skates in and out among the trees and willows ducking and dodging, sometimes even crawling a little sway on the bank the first few times around to avoid bad ice or an open shear.*

*We always carry a rope and some long willows in case the younger members of the expedition think they need a pull. Sometimes long stretches of ice will be smooth and transparent as glass. One seems to be gliding over perfectly clear water and right beneath one's skates is a strange fairyland of feathery grass*

*and other vegetation."*  
--Fred W. Smith, 1975

In recent columns I've mentioned some "gifts" I think are particularly valuable. These are not gifts of the sort Santa might bring. They are prizes that are absorbed slowly and become part of one's soul. My father, Fred W. Smith, gave me the treasured gift of ice skating.

As a five-year old--the youngest in a family of seven kids--my first efforts were clumsy. An older sibling strapped a pair of double-runner skates onto my loose-fitting boots. I could stand up and walk a few steps before falling down. That was about all. I was jealous of older brothers and sisters who seemed to skate effortlessly. Even after graduating to single-runner, leather shoe skates, my ankles would go sideways. Always I was behind the others. At least once I started crying until someone skated back to give me a tow.

Year after year our skating rituals persisted. We eyed the thermometer. If it read in the 20's a few nights in a

row, we'd beg our dad to drive us to the reservoir. Our western Colorado home was in a relatively temperate zone. Two inches of ice was considered thick. One particularly cold winter we chopped a hole and measured an amazing four inches!

When I first saw pickups on a frozen lake I thought North Dakotans must be insane. Driving onto the ice was unthinkable for us. Native Dakotans, on the other hand, might think skating on less than four inches of ice is insane.

Different climates breed different habits, as do different childhoods.

When skimming over the ice at Elm Lake--my all time favorite skating place--I like stopping at ice huts. I want to see what's been caught, or chat about the weather. I like moments with people who are deeply in love with a sport--ice fishing--that's as satisfying to them as wild ice skating is to me.

We can all comprehend beauty. For me, wild ice skating brings it into focus like no other recreation. Lacing up near the shore, I remember my dad, who gave me the gift

of skating, and fine memories and words alongside. Here are a few more from him:

*Skating on a large shallow body of water is excellent recreation. It provides exercise, adventure, and unusual insights into nature. It isn't expensive like skiing or snowmobiling. And it doesn't make fumes or racket. In fact it is impressively, even majestically, clean and quiet.*

*Before the snow covers the ice to deaden its noises one can hear the uncanny ringing of the ice beneath fellow skaters long distances away. Then sometimes long reverberating roars will echo across the lake as a shear releases and moves in the distance. It is a deeply significant and satisfying noise of nature's power.*

*Best of all are the wild geese calling in the distance, and then flying on low overhead to settle down for the night. Or the beautiful winter sun coloring the late afternoon sky and the lake as it falls behind the mountains in the west. Or the bright moon on a clear cold night with a little fire on the ice and the children playing tag shouting and laughing.*

# N.D. Game & Fish News...

### Free Ice Fishing Weekend

North Dakota's free ice fishing weekend is Dec. 26-27.

Resident anglers may fish that weekend without a license. All other winter fishing regulations apply.

Fishing regulations and information on fishing waters is available on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website at gf.nd.gov.

### 2021 North Dakota OUTDOORS Calendar

The 2021 North Dakota OUTDOORS calendar is available for ordering online at the state Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

The calendar features outstanding color photographs of North Dakota wildlife and scenery, and includes season opening and application deadline dates, sunrise-sunset times and moon phases.

Calendars are also available via

mail order. Send \$3 for each, plus \$1 postage, to: Calendar, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095.

The calendar is the North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine's December issue, so current subscribers should have already received it in the mail.

### Fish House Regulations

Winter anglers are reminded that any fish house left unoccupied on North Dakota waters must be made of materials that will allow it to float.

Other fish house regulations include:

- Fish houses do not require a license.

- Occupied structures do not require identification. However, any unoccupied fish house must have an equipment registration number issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, or the



owner's name, and either address or telephone number, displayed on its outside in readily distinguishable characters at least three inches high.

- Fish houses may not be placed closer than 50 feet in any direction to another house without consent of

the occupant of the other fish house.

- All unoccupied fish houses must be removed from all waters after midnight, March 15.

Anglers should refer to the *North Dakota 2020-22 Fishing Guide* for other winter fishing regulations.

# A New Understanding

played for the officers. So he told John to play. I considered myself a singer, so I volunteered to join him. We were a hit."

"Wait a minute," Andrew interjected. "My father played the piano?"

"Yes," Doctor Jacobson answered. "He was incredibly good. He said he hoped someday to make himself a career in musical entertainment."

"He never mentioned that."

"I'm sure I know why," Doctor Jacobson replied. "We performed our way across much of Europe as our unit moved closer and closer to the front. And then came the day we arrived at the fighting. There was no piano, and there was certainly no time for entertainment. We were ordered to move forward, but we instantly fell under heavy bombardment."

"Our unit was forced to fall back, but I was hit by shrapnel and fell wounded in the no man's land between the two armies. I could feel the life draining out of me, and I was sure I was going to die. As the daylight faded, I can still remember seeing the shadow of a man crawling toward me. It was your father."

"Under fire, he was hit by bullets that ripped his left arm apart, but he still wouldn't leave me. With his one good arm, he pulled me back to our line. I lost my leg, and he lost his arm."

"He was saddened by the loss of his arm, and although he tried once more to play the piano with one hand, he quit, saying he would never attempt to play again. He said that with his left arm gone, there could be no harmony in his music and no harmony in his life."

Suddenly, Andrew understood more about his father than he ever had before. His father had always been proud when Andrew won piano competitions and received the accolades of adoring audiences. Andrew hadn't realized that his father had once been in his same shoes but had lost that opportunity defending his country.

And yet, Andrew's father had never complained nor indicated any kind of jealousy. Instead, he had supported Andrew and had done everything he could to help him excel. Andrew's father had even worked a second job to make sure Andrew received the

very best piano lessons. And best of all, his father was always the first on his feet cheering when Andrew performed a concert.

Andrew wondered if his father somehow found joy in his son's accomplishments because piano performance had been his own dream. But how would he feel now? Would he feel the same disappointment at the loss of Andrew's arm as he had at the loss of his own?

Andrew was in the hospital for a couple of months, during which time he never wrote home about the loss of his arm. When he learned that he was to be released and would be returning home in time for Christmas, he had mixed feelings.

As Andrew was preparing to leave, Doctor Jacobson handed him a wrapped package. "This is a present for you and your father. Don't open it until you can open it together on Christmas."

Doctor Jacobson then bid Andrew farewell, reminding him of the lesson they had both learned from Andrew's father. "Remember that a coincidence is nothing but a miracle in disguise."

# Step into the Past...



### 50 Years Ago:

Dickey County and Ellendale taxes going up...Cardinals defeat Oakes 61-59 on a last second shot by Mike Wallock from about 20 feet out for his 22nd points. Cardinals are now 5-1 on the season... Home decorating contest winners: Mrs. Ernest Hartman, Dr. Ronald Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redlin...Pete Retzlaff named General Manager of the Philadelphia Eagles Football team...EHS Christmas Program to be re-broadcast on KSJB Radio...Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wolff of Forbes are the parents of a son, Michael James...Merry Christmas from the city of Ellendale

### 40 Years Ago:

Joe Fischer retired from United Building Center after 48 years. Dwight Filbert will take over as manager...Paul Sherman retires from MDU...Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Bollinger build first geodesic solar home in town...Christmas Open Houses at local businesses drew large numbers and owners said business was up...Merry Christmas from all of Ellendale

### 30 Years Ago:

Merry Christmas - No archive paper for this week

### 20 Years Ago:

Cody Sand and his Sand's Custom Saddlery is a dream come true...Christmas 'giving tree' at Mahlers resulted in a large number of gifts for area children...EHS Students of the Month: Jacob Herman, Tiffany Schaeffer, Keri Hernandez, Austin Ulmer, Nicole Marks and Cassy Gayman...Cardinals open season with 47-38 win over Sargent Central with Jerrod Lematta leading with 14 points...Cardinal volleyball open season with 3-0 win over Ashley/Zeeland...Christmas decoration winners: Don and Angie Reed, Dale and Margaret Davis and Ray and Janet Peterson...EHS High School students decorated all their doors with Christmas joy

### 10 Years Ago:

Merry Christmas from the Dickey County Leader...Jan Maroney was this year's Frosty!...Cardinals defeat Oakes to keep the Cowbell for the 3rd consecutive year... Ellendale JV Girls win Ellendale Invitational Tournament...Tanner White and Kris Lauder named to Stutsman County All-Tournament Team...Trinity Men and Women's teams both victorious...Mahler's Village Variety holding Christmas Clearance on all items

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COVID-19 Timeline, Dec. 12-18

Compiled by Ken Smith

**Saturday, Dec. 12**

- KFGO radio personality Bob Harris passed away Friday after a battle with COVID-19, it was announced. Harris was 65, and in his 40-year broadcasting career had held a variety of roles at KFGO. He was an on-air personality, producer and podcast host. Harris was admitted to Sanford Health on Thanksgiving. "His heart stopped beating due to a lack of oxygen" his physician said.

The KFGO web site posted admiring tributes to the broadcaster. "Bob was one of the kindest people I have ever known," said KFGO News Director Paul Jurgens, who worked with Harris for more than 30 years. "So flexible, always jumping in, no matter the task," said Jurgens. Joel Heitkamp, KFGO Operations Manager, said that "Bob would do anything for anyone, now he's doing it for someone greater than us all."

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

- There were no COVID-related deaths in North Dakota today, according to the State Health Department. This was the first day since August that the state reported no daily COVID-related deaths. Active cases were reported at 3,784, the lowest in two months. The *Forum News Service* noted, however, that "North Dakota currently ranks fourth in the country for death rates. Last week it ranked sixth."

- "The first of many freezer-packed COVID-19 vaccine vials made their way to distribution sites across the United States today as the nation's pandemic deaths approached 300,000" (*Associated Press*).

**Monday, Dec. 14**

- Sanford Health received a shipment of North Dakota's first doses of the Pfizer vaccine and began administering shots to front-line health care workers.

- Noting that the nation's nursing homes have suffered 110,000 deaths from COVID, an Associated Press article said that these centers are first in line to get the new vaccine. Despite encouragement from numerous public figures, the AP reported that many residents and workers are reluctant to get the shots, being skeptical of their safety and effectiveness. "The federal government," the report went on, "is seeking to blunt such attitudes with a \$250 million ad campaign set to roll out this week that will eventually target healthcare workers and vulnerable groups. The pitch touts how vaccines will help beat COVID-19 the same way they defeated smallpox, measles and polio."

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**

- In an encouraging sign, the North Dakota Dept. of Health reported two days in a row (Sunday and Monday) with no COVID-19 deaths. However, the total reported at the end of the day today (Tuesday) was 13. The total deaths reported so far is 1,170.

- It was announced that the Times Square New Year's Eve celebration in New York will not have a public audience this year, due to the coronavirus. The Times Square Alliance and Countdown Entertainment also said that this year's special guests will be the "Heroes of 2020," including first responders, front-line and essential workers and their families "who sacrificed so much in 2020 to provide care and support for their communities" (via *The Hill*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**

In a pandemic-related press briefing, Governor Burgum said that while North Dakota has had a high rate of coronavirus infections and deaths compared nationally, the state has also had a record number of recoveries from COVID. The

Governor did not speculate on the reasons for this high recovery rate, but did claim it as a mark of distinction for the state amid a report that was in some ways discouraging.

**Thursday, Dec. 17**

- "After the pandemic began to spike across the country, scammers began to come up with scams centered around fake testing kits and fake treatments" (*Dakota News Now*).

Today BBC Radio News began issuing warnings that fraudulent vaccines for COVID-19 are already in circulation. The CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) also tried to get the word out that in Canada, as in the US, all the authentic vaccines are being distributed with the assistance of government agencies. The South Dakota Better Business Bureau issued a similar warning, as did the North Dakota Department of Health. A web search showed that since March, North Dakota state agencies and media have been warning about various types of fraud related to the pandemic. Fraudulent vaccines are only the latest example.

**Friday, Dec. 18**

- Vaccinations with the new Pfizer coronavirus vaccine were given to White House staff, including Vice-President Mike Pence, this morning. C-Span TV aired the procedure. "That's great. Great job," said Pence as he rolled up his sleeve.

The Vice-President said that with hospitalizations rising, the nation still has a way to go to get past the pandemic. He also said that the second vaccine, made by Moderna, is expected to receive approval from the Food and Drug Administration later today.

President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris are also expected to be vaccinated in public. There was no word on whether President Donald Trump would receive the shot, or whether he would do it in public.

Since losing the election, President Trump has been relatively quiet about the rollout of the vaccines even though he has claimed credit for it.

No  
Garbage  
Pickup in  
Ellendale  
Friday,  
Dec. 25th

Garbage will be  
picked up  
Thursday  
December 24  
Before Noon

No  
Garbage  
Pickup in  
Friday,  
January 1st

Garbage will be  
picked up  
Thursday  
December 31  
Before Noon

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Ellendale Landfill Hours  
December 1- March 31  
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Wall Completed

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Looking up at the ceilings in the former bank, Josh noted a feature he said he'd never seen in the hundreds of old buildings he's examined: both the main floor and the roof are made of concrete. The builders laid down heavy planks with thick steel mesh on top and poured concrete over them to create an extremely solid structure, which was then overlaid in most of the rooms with thick plaster.

"They put the wood down," he deduced, "and used that for the base of the form and poured it. And it took the shape of the wood grain." The process involved such a huge amount of concrete, Josh suggested, that the contractor probably set up a concrete batching plant at the construction site. "That was a common thing in those days."

Josh's interest in his craft runs deep. "My grandpa was a bricklayer," he said, "and also a couple uncles on my mom's side. It's a family thing, so they thought it was

cool when I wanted to try it. So I did. I tried it and liked it." Spending time with Josh, it's clear he cherishes his vocation and gets a lot of satisfaction from it, despite the physical strain. Faith is an important element in his life, and he mentioned family members with a significant legacy of pastoral work in North Dakota. The churches they planted and led are reminiscent of his own work.

Talking with Josh also brought to mind words from a master mason Studs Terkel interviewed for his classic book *Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do*. "I can't imagine a job," said the bricklayer, "where you go home and maybe go by a year later and you don't know what you've done. My work, I can see what I did the first day I started. All my work is set right out there in the open and I can look at it as I go by. It's something I can see the rest of my life."

Journalism Students  
Visit Leader Office



Back row (l-r): Mrs. Radermacher, Siera Bollinger, Mackenzie Thorpe, Christena Walker, Kaylin Silvoskey, Isis Rall, Saige Ducheneaux. Front Row: Courtney Olson, Kaitlynn Maunu, Haleigh Tucker.

Allison Radermacher, media specialist at the Ellendale Public School, brought her journalism class to the *Leader* Office for a visit last week. The students were given a short overview of the work process, as well as an overview of the important role weekly newspapers serve in North Dakota. The students learned that there are over 80 newspapers still serving the state, and that though digital technology has changed the news landscape, these papers are still lively and they still serve most of the same roles they did 20, 50 and 100 years ago.

The work of newspapers in

recording local history was also stressed. Each week since June 1882, the *Leader* has worked to record notable occurrences, from births to deaths to business and organizational transitions, construction, political issues, and a hundred other types of item. All this comprises a priceless store of history, which is contained on the racks of bound papers that are kept in the office.

The best part of the visit, as evidenced by the happy sounds and expressions (detectable even with the masks) was time spent examining some of these old papers (right).

Leader Thanks Roddy  
MacInnes for Gift

The Ellendale area is much indebted to individuals who, over the years, have contributed of their talents and resources to continue and build up our cultural heritage. One in that category who quickly comes to mind is Roddy MacInnes, who has made numerous pilgrimages to our area in his artistic quest started by his discovery of old photos taken by a young Finnish woman named Nina Weiste, who grew up near the James River. A story about Roddy's ongoing project was featured in last week's *Leader*.

We would like to mention our appreciation for the light stand that Roddy donated for *Leader* and Museum work on his last visit. He carried it up in his vehicle, but as it turned out, he did not have occasion to use it. Since it's a little bulky and he has others like it back



home in Denver, he generously gave it to us.

The light stand will find use in photographing text and images in old newspapers. We often get requests for items from years past, and we enjoy providing them. This adjustable light stand will make it easier to provide high quality images.

Thank you Roddy, and we wish you the best new year ever!



Merry Christmas and  
Peace to All  
Thank You for  
Your Patronage



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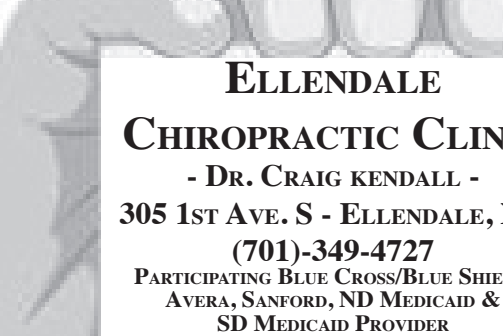
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"Just 1 cup before bedtime," the text message said. "Take off your huge stomach."

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"Your stomach isn't huge," she responded teasingly.

I'm not sure I liked her emphasis on "huge."

At least she didn't restate the message to say "massive" or "colossal" or anything like that.

"Don't click on the message!" she added.

"I kind of figured that out," I said.

I thought I didn't click on it, anyway. I keep getting annoying messages from different numbers almost daily.

One promised that you could "lose 43 pounds in two weeks." Another text promised that the recipient could "drop from a size 3X to small in seven weeks."

We have arrived at the time when weight loss ads will be flying at us in all directions. I was not expecting them to arrive on my personal cellphone.

We don't promote miracles in the field of nutrition. We want people to follow nutrition and health guidance based on best practices and research.

Seeking the easy path in nutri-

tion or any part of our lives is tempting. The easy road is not always the best path, however. Weight management or weight loss usually takes some effort on our part.

Being overweight based on our medical care provider's assessment does put us at risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, diabetes and joint issues, among other conditions.

What can we learn from people who have successfully lost weight and maintained

it? I looked at the results of a 25-year study that has tracked more than 10,000 people who lost weight and kept it off for a long time. Their information is tracked on the National Weight Control Registry.

The participants had lost between 30 and 300 pounds and some had kept the weight off for one year to 66 years. (Yes, you read that correctly.)

They didn't use any fancy potions or information from a text message. Almost all (98%) modified their food intake to lose weight and the vast majority (94%) increased their physical activity. Walking was the most popular activity.

They followed some basic "good habits" to cut calories and maintain their energy.

Most (90%) of the registry members exercised about an hour a day. Most (78%) ate breakfast every day. Most (75%) weighed themselves one or

more times a week. The majority (62%) of those successful at losing weight spent less than 10 hours watching TV per week.

As we enter a time of sampling tasty goodies, keep in mind that small "tastes" can add up to lots of calories eaten. I adapted this scenario from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension. I think it shows how quickly you can consume extra calories.

Taste 1: You had a piece of peanut brittle that someone brought for treats at work. (80 calories)

Taste 2: Someone else brought chocolate-covered cherries to work, so you had a couple (because they are fruit, right?) (60 calories)

Taste 3: You baked cookies and one broke. You ate a piece. (30 calories)

Taste 4: You were thirsty and had a half-cup of old-fashioned eggnog before your guests arrived for dinner. (200 calories)

Taste 5: Only a couple of tablespoons of candied sweet potatoes were left in the bowl, so you decided to eat them. (60 calories)

That adds up to 430 calories of "tiny tastes." Just 100 extra calories per day can lead to a 10-pound weight gain in one year.

Enjoy the flavors of the holiday season. Slow down and focus on the goodies you are consuming.

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON,  
NDSU EXTENSION FOOD & NUTRITION SPECIALIST

Enjoy the aroma, texture and flavor.

Instead of a recipe, this week I invite you to use your creativity to create flavored water that is refreshing but has few calories.

### Flavor-infused Water

Start with clean hands, containers, cutting boards and knives. Rinse fruit and herbs thoroughly.

Try one of these flavor add-ins:

Option 1. Citrus water: 1/2 cup sliced oranges, lemons or grapefruit plus 2 quarts water

Option 2. Strawberry kiwi water: Three sliced strawberries plus one peeled, sliced kiwi plus 2 quarts water

Option 3. Watermelon rosemary water: 2 cups seedless watermelon (cut in chunks or balls) plus one sprig of rosemary plus 2 quarts water

Option 4. Raspberry lime water: 20 crushed raspberries plus two sliced limes (without rind) plus 2 quarts water

Refrigerate overnight.

Don't mix batches. Use up the batch, clean the container and make a new batch.

(Julie Garden-Robinson, Ph.D., R.D., L.R.D., is a North Dakota State University Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Follow her on Twitter @jgardenrobinson)

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**14 South 15th St., Oakes, ND:** 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1862 sq.ft. 1-1/2 story home, moved to new foundation in 2001, before moving extensive remodel including windows, insulation, cabinetry, resurfaced wood floors, update bathrms & electrical system, kitchen has built-in appliances-recess lighting, lg lot w/barn ... **Sale Pending**

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## NDSU Extension Crime Scene STEM Camp to be held December 30

Are you interested in using your detective skills to help us solve the mystery? Join NDSU Extension Agents Melissa Seykora and Danielle Dinger for Crime Scene STEM Camp. The camp will be held on Wednesday, December 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

During the camp, participants will learn help to solve the crime by going through a series of seven different investigative steps to help Sergeant Norman solve the mystery of who broke into Ms. Martina's cookie shop.

Participants will be the detectives as they learn how to identify patterns in fingerprints and handwriting to help narrow down the suspect list. Detectives will investigate different powders provided to look for similar characteristics of the powder found on the scene of the crime.

We will analyze our teeth and

learn about bite mark patterns as we compare to those found at the crime scene. Detectives will look at evidence of blood and look at different patterns to help Sergeant Norman identify where it came from.

Lastly participants will dig deeper into identifying the different blood types to determine which suspects blood was found at the scene of the crime.

The camp is open to all youth who are interested in using their skills to help us solve the mystery of the crime. Contact the NDSU Extension Office by Monday, December 21 to register for the camp. Upon registration, participants will be mailed all of the supplies needed to participate in the camp.

NDSU Extension - Dickey County; 701.349.3249 ext 2; Danielle.dinger@ndsu.edu

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA  
DECEMBER 29, 2020 • 11:00 am

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83983811915?pwd=cEk0Vkx1VjQrVUJzTzlwSkJRRnVkdz09> and a password of Commiss or dial 1-301-715-8592 and enter Meeting ID# 839 8381 1915 and use the password of 0459213

**11:00** Commission Meeting Called To Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Final Year End Payroll and Vouchers

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE ITEMS ON THE DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AT 349-3249 BEFORE 9:00 AM MONDAY, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

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and Asparagus

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Smoked Chicken,  
Sweet Potato Hash and  
Brussels

**3RD COURSE:**

Dessert Trio -

Chocolate Stout Cake,

Orange Crème

Brulee, Salted

Caramel Cheesecake

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## the Lunchbox eatery

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SOURCE: Pulse Research Inc., Portland, OR



# Dickey County Commission Minutes

**Commissioner Meeting  
November 17, 2020**

Commissioner Marke Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:05. Present were Thor Sand, Joel Hamar, Dean Simek, John Hokana, and Chairman Marke Roberts. Also, in attendance, was in-coming County Commissioner Jerry Walsh and resident Cindy Bagley. Employees Tax Director Don Flaherty and Clerk of Court Andi Schimke were also present via electronic means. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda

- Culvert request and map from Don G Zimbelman
- Mask mandate
- Grant refusal on basement project

In-coming County Commissioner Jerry Walsh introduced himself to the current Commissioners.

Hokana made a motion to approve the minutes from October 19th, October 20th, and November 5th with corrections. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Simek made a motion to approve the vouchers. Sand seconded. Motion carried.

After a discussion concerning the balance in the Road fund, Sand made a motion to approve the Financials from October. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Residents Robert Gemar and Austin Smith joined the meeting at 9:32.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting at 9:32 to discuss the closing of the checking account at Starion and to transfer the money to the money market account at Starion. The account is a checking account that has not been used for several years and is not earning much interest. Lematta would like to move it into the saving account where it will earn a higher rate of interest, and there will not be the monthly fee that Dickey County is currently getting charged. On the recommendation of Treasurer Lematta, Sand made a motion to close the checking account and to put the money in the money market account at Starion Bank. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Lematta informed the Commissioners concerning issues the Treasurer's office is having with receiving timely and accurate information from the Dickey County Water Board for the special assessments on the Dickey County Drain #1, Oakes Pilot Drain, and the Yorktown Maple Drain. Discussion following concerning the best way to resolve the issue. Sand made a motion to send a letter to the Water Board expressing the on-going concerns of the timeliness and accuracy of the assessments for the drains for correct assessment on property and requesting the issue to be resolved by the Water Board. Simek seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Roberts will sign the letter.

Architect Kerry Peuser joined the meeting at 9:48 via electronic means. Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 9:48.

Hamar made a motion to open up the County Land Sale. Sand seconded. Motion carried. Also, in attendance was Ellendale City Auditor Candy Middlestead. Auditor Sheppard read the purchase agreement conditions that were signed by all those in attendance to bid on the four parcels that were for sale. Delinquent property taxes have been

checked by the Treasurer's office.

The legal description of parcel number 07857000 is Lot 14 Block 6 Original Plat, City of Ellendale with a minimum bid of \$2,425.95. No bids were received.

The legal description of parcel number 08300000 is Lot 11 Block 7 Ellendale Land Company, City of Ellendale with a minimum bid of \$9,333.05. No bids were received.

The legal description of parcel number 10060000 is Lot 22 Block 9 Original Plat, City of Oakes with a minimum bid of \$2,409.79. No bids were received.

The legal description of parcel number 10321000 is Lot 12 Block 8 Washburn's Addition, City of Oakes with a minimum bid of \$8,082.06. Sheppard accepted a bid in the amount of \$8,802.06 from Cindy Bagley. No other bids were received. The minimum bid of \$8,082.06 was accepted. The current owner will need to be evicted from the residence by Dickey County.

The legal description of parcel number 11435000 is Lot 7 Block 17 Second Addition, City of Monango with a minimum bid of \$253.62. Sheppard accepted a bid in the amount of \$253.62 from Austin Smith. No other bids were received. The minimum bid of \$253.62 was accepted.

The legal description of parcel number 03863100 is N 27 Rods of E 12 Rods of Ne1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 7-131-61 with a minimum bid of \$139.67. Sheppard accepted a bid in the amount of \$139.67. No other bids were received. The minimum bid of \$139.67 was accepted.

The legal description of parcel number 0543001 is part of the NW1/4 of 5-131-63 with a minimum bid of \$77.56. No bids were received.

The legal description of parcel number 06375500 is part of the SW1/4 west of Highway 56 except for the US Fish and Wildlife land in section 3-131-66 with a minimum bid of \$2,086.08. No bids were received.

Sand made a motion to close the tax sale. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Sand made a motion to abate the taxes on parcels 07857000 and 08300000 and deed the parcel back to the city of Ellendale, abate the taxes on parcel 10060000 and deed the parcel back to the city of Oakes, and abate the taxes on parcels 0543001 and 06375500. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning parcel number 06375500. Commission would like to have KLJ look at the parcel to see if the county could use the land for wetland mitigation. Sheppard will forward the legal description to Engineer Tykwinski.

South Country Human Services Zone Director Michelle Massett joined the meeting via electronic means at 10:39 to discuss the policy review required by North Dakota Century Code to be completed by December 1st. Hokana made a motion to accept the policies presented by Massett. Simek seconded. Motion carried. Discussion followed concerning the definition of indirect costs that needs to be reviewed by the state of North Dakota.

A request was made to reopen the tax sale to accept a bid on parcel 06375500, which was denied.

Resident Jim Grueneich joined the meeting at 10:40. Grueneich presented to the Commission petitions signed by 17 residents of the Pheasant Lake area

on the development of a recreation district at Pheasant Lake. Discussion followed concerning the requirements of the development of such a district. Because the item was not on the agenda due to an error by the Auditor's office, a decision was made to put it on the agenda for the December 1st meeting and it will be discussed at that time.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen and KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski joined the meeting at 10:46.

Simek presented a request he had received from Don G Zimbelman concerning permission to install three culverts in the berm on County Road 3 in SW1/4 24-131-62. Zimbelman is asking for permission with the cost at his expense. Simek made a motion to allow the culverts to be installed, as shown on the map, at the expense of the land owner. Hokana seconded. Motion carried. Simek will contact Zimbelman. Discussion followed that the motion could be altered if Zimbelman would decide that removal of the berm in those areas would work better, that could be done.

Tykwinski presented the revised County Federal Aid Program sheet for 2021, which needs to be approved by the Commission and signed. The projects are listed as discussed, but can always be changed based on the need. Sand made a motion to sign the program sheet. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for the grade raise on County Road 1, 7 miles north and 0.5 miles west of Oakes. Simek made a motion to sign the agreement. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Architect Kerry Peuser and USDA representative Ranetta Starr rejoined the meeting at 11:36 to discuss the basement. Discussion followed concerning the reasoning for the increase, over the original projected amount of the project. Due to the location of the vendors that bid, the cost of travel, hotel, and food was increasing the cost by approximately \$60,000. The major issue in the basement is the wicking in the walls and the basement slab. Other options were discussed. Discussion followed concerning rebidding the project with the same scope or changing the scope of the project. Additional funding would need to be located, as the grant and loan from the USDA will not cover the cost of the project as bid. A decision was made to rebid the project as is and to add an option to not remodel the sheriff's office but to fix the structure. Discussion followed concerning the loss of a \$100,000 grant through South Central Dakota Regional Council because of a delay at the state level.

The Executive Order by Governor Burgum was discussed. Sand presented the resolution shown below.

Dickey County recognizes and is concerned with:

- the increase in deaths.
- the mental and spiritual wellbeing of those in quarantine.
- the increased burden on emergency personnel and health care workers.
- the economic impact of shutdowns and mandates.
- the increased division being created and enhanced by attempting to force compliance with state health guidelines.
- the emotional and psychological

impact of death, fear, disease, masks, and uncertainty.

- the increase in loneliness and depression.
- the damage being done to families not able to visit loved ones during the end of life as well as day to day.
- the relationship between public health, law enforcement, and the public.
- the arbitrary nature of mandates being put in place.
- the arbitrary nature of school and sporting events guidelines.
- the impact of shutdowns and cancellations.
- the inability to access reliable statistics for total deaths (showing the increase over a normal death rate) as well as sound scientific studies.
- the ability of many businesses to continue to survive.
- the unforeseen and unintended effects of the virus and response to it.
- the lack of respect for North Dakota citizens and businesses intelligence and ability to weigh the risks and make personally responsible decisions for themselves.

Let it be known that today, the Dickey County Commission stands opposed to mandating hours of business operation, forced reduction in business capacity, required cancellation of school activities, and requiring the use of face coverings. Dickey County does encourage citizens and businesses to do what they can to help reduce and ease the impacts of Covid 19 and the response to it. This may or may not, include reducing hours of business operation, limiting capacity, cancelling school and other events, and the use of face coverings. Dickey County realizes that this may look different for each business and individual. Citizens, businesses and local governments need to be in control of their own health care and have the freedom to commence business and life as they see fit.

Sand made a motion to approve the above stated resolution. Roberts seconded. Discussion followed. Roll call vote with Hokana no; Simek no; Sand yes; Hamar yes; Roberts yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Sand requested that the above resolution be forwarded to Governor Burgum's office.

Discussion followed how the staff should handle the masks in their office. Commission are displeased with the law but it is in place and each office should do as they see fit.

Hokana made a motion to adjourn at 1:48.

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Dakota Plains Credit Union	999.53
Dickey County Leader	38.00
DS Solutions Inc	200.00
Graham Tire Co	1,385.60
Green Iron Equipment	132.97
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	13.91
Jamestown Community Corrections	180.00

Jerke Irrigation	265.00
Locators & Supplies INC	118.56
Modern Marketing	385.47
Montana Dakota Utilities	94.22
ND Association of Counties	500.00
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Overpayment Refund	853.10
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Kaiser Blair Incorporated	269.10
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Edgeley Ambulance Service	322.10
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Service	1,409.20
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Innovative Office Solutions LLC	64.55
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Montana Dakota Utilities	865.58
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Dakota Plains Credit Union	92.30
Skillpath seminars	33.50
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Dickey County Hwy Dept	62.03
True Value	301.61
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Dakota Valley Electric Coop	100.00
Dickey Rural Networks	1,674.10
Montana Dakota Utilities	1,965.10
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Delta Dental Plan of MN	2,323.35
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Lovell Twp. Treasurer	2,246.12
James River Valley Twp. Treasurer	2,187.06
Divide Twp. & Starion	10,993.34
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# Dakota Gardener: *What's tree worth? How about a forest?*



An Ohio Buckeye provides beautiful fall colors and shading in a sitting area on the NDSU campus. (NDSU Photo)

by Joe Zeleznik, Forester, NDSU Extension  
**A tree is worth a lot, depending on where it's located and what products or services it**

A boulevard tree in the community? What about a windbreak? How do we determine the value of anything? I'm sure that my economist friends could give me technical answers about the complicated techniques involved in valuing a product or a service, or even how intrinsic value might be determined. But let's keep it simple. What is a tree worth? In traditional forestry, trees often are viewed in terms of the amount of lumber that can be harvested from the stems. How many 2-by-4s can we saw from a ponderosa pine that's 80 feet tall and 28 inches in diameter? The techniques for these types of calculations are well-developed and surprisingly straightforward. But not a whole lot of timber is being harvested on the prairie.

So what do we do now? Let's look at services. What does a tree provide us? On a bigger scale, what services do forests provide? We can make a list: shade, wind protection, pollution abatement, water control. Surprisingly, putting a value on those services is pretty easy. Putting a value on other services such as oxygen production, wildlife habitat or improvement of mental health is harder. An individual tree, in the right location, can lower summer air conditioning costs by up to 30% (U.S. Forest Service). That's the equivalent of 10 room-size air conditioners running 20 hours a day! Windbreaks can lower winter heating costs on the farmstead by as much as 40% (U.S. Department of Energy). And those savings accumulate year after year, and even increase as the trees get bigger. One study by the U.S. Forest Service showed that Bismarck's municipal trees – those managed by the city – provide nearly a half-million dollars each year in storm-water reduction. And that's just the public trees; it doesn't include the services provided by trees on private property. For every dollar that Bismarck spends on its urban forestry program, the city reaps more

# A goldfish story



The Website largest.com, which reports on "the Largest Things in the World," will need to update its goldfish page that lists a 5-pound 4-ounce goldfish caught in the U.K. in 2017 by a 10-year-old girl as the world's largest. The one found recently in Greenville, S.C. by researchers surveying the fish population in Oak Grove Lake weighed in at a whopping nine pounds, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

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# Dickey County Court Report

Broome, John Chauncy, Ellendale, Driving under suspension, Misdemeanor B, Amended Plea, 12/2/20 Guilty, Condition-Adult: Comply with payment agreement, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws of any city, state or nation, not possess or own fire arms, destructive device or other dangerous weapon, Comment: Defendant to pay \$385 in monthly payments of \$50 per month beginning November 15, 2020 and continuing the 15th of each month until paid in full, Confinement: Stutsman County Correctional Center, Term: 30 days, suspended: 30 days, Fee totals: \$385.

Burns, Shannon R, Plymouth, MN, Licenses to hunt, trap, or fish required of nonresidents, Misdemeanor B, Plea, 12/1/20 Guilty, Condition-Adult: Violate no criminal laws of any city, state or nation, deferred imposition of sentence, unsupervised probation, comply with payment agreement, Comment: Defendant to pay \$50 per month beginning January 1, 2021 until paid in full, Fee totals: \$450.

Henneberg, Chad David,

Appleton, MN, Criminal trespass, Misdemeanor B, Plea, 12/1/20 Guilty, Condition-Adult: Deferred imposition of sentence, unsupervised probation, comply with payment agreement, violate no criminal laws of any city, state or nation, Comment: Defendant is to cooperate with the State on the investigation, defendant is to pay \$50 per month to begin January 1, 2021 until paid in full, Fee totals: \$250.

Nelson, Benjamin E, Catawba, WI, GF-Hunting on posted land without permission-1st off, Misdemeanor B, Plea, 12/2/20 Guilty, Condition-Adult: Deferred imposition of sentence, unsupervised probation, comply with payment agreement, notify court of address change or employment, violate no criminal laws of any city, state or nation, not possess or own fire arms, destructive device or other dangerous weapon, Comment: Defendant shall lose his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for a period of one (1) year, commencing as of the date of the citation, which is October 25, 2020, total of \$350 to be paid in monthly installments

beginning December 1, 2020 until paid in full, Fee totals: \$350.

Maine,Adam William, LaMoire, Delivery of CS-Schedule II stimulant, Felony B, Amended Plea, 7/7/2020 Guilty, Amended Sentence, 12/2/20 Found in Contempt, Condition-Adult: 24/7 sobriety program, appendix A, 2 years supervised probation, pay costs from bond posted, Comment: 12/2/20-continuing contempt order-the defendant is held in contempt of court and shall serve five (5) days jail and shall receive credit for one (1) day of time served, the defendant can purge the contempt and avoid incarceration by doing the following: continue chemical dependency treatment for a period of four (4) consecutive months, unless defendant is released from the treatment early, due to successful completion of the program, Confinement: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Term: 2 years, first serve: 3 days, Credit for time served: 3 days, Comment: 8/20/20 amended held in contempt 1 day jail credit for 1 day jail, Fee totals: \$1,085.

Brandt, Amber D, Carlock, IL, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/7/20 Guilty.

Castillo, Alejandro, San Benito, TX, TR: Driving without a license, Plea, 12/10/20 Guilty.

Hehr, Curtis Alan, Oakes, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/10/20 Guilty.

Moore, Jeremy Kyle, Pensacola, FL, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/7/20 Guilty.

Nelson, Mason Jordan, Milnor, Modification of a motor vehicle, Plea, 12/13/20 Guilty, TR: Failure to display number plates, Plea, 12/13/20 Guilty, TR: Driving without liability insurance-owner, Plea, 12/13/20 Guilty, TR: Violation of registration provisions-owner, Plea, 12/13/20 Guilty.

Rohr, Todd Michael, Aberdeen, SD, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/7/20 Guilty.

Abbott, Cody Levi, Lifton, GA, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 12/11/20 Guilty.

Staley, Austen Ray, Ellendale, TR: Driving without liability insurance-driver, Plea, 12/13/20, Guilty.

# Dickey County Commission Meeting

**Commissioner Meeting  
December 1, 2020**

Commissioner Vice Chairman John Hokana called the meeting to order at 9:30. Present were Thor Sand, Joel Hamar, Dean Simek and Vice Chairman John Hokana. Marke Roberts was in attendance via electronic means. Also present were incoming Commissioner Jerry Walsh and resident Cindy Bagley. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda

- 3-year tax property assessment procedure
- Moore’s Lake building
- Vacation 2020 carry over

Hamar made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17th with corrections. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Simek made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of a voucher to Starion Insurance that needed clarification and with the inclusion of a voucher to PharmChem for supplies for the Sheriff’s office. Sand seconded. Motion carried.

Hamar discussed the procedure used in the past for the establishment of the minimum price on 3-year tax properties. The appraisal on parcel number 06375500 had not been reviewed before the value was set, which was not assessed an appropriate starting bid for the sale. As done in the past, each parcel should be inspected by the Commissioner representing that part of the county so that an appropriate sale price can be set.

Hamar discussed the structure at Moore’s Lake. The Water Board’s plan

for the building was to demolish the building. Hamar felt the building has some value and feels the Commission should have the building moved and try to sell the building as is. The discussion was whether the building is moved or if it is sold as is, where it is. Hamar will do more research on the measurements and will get better pictures of the building so a decision can be made.

Commission discussed the use of vacation and sick time during the year of 2020 and the issues of Covid 19. A few departments are asking to allow the employees to carry over more than the 120 hours of vacation allowed by the employee manual. Due to the complications of Covid, Simek made a motion to approve the extension of the time to use vacation time to March 31, 2021. If the time is not used by March 31st, the time will be lost. Hamar seconded. Commission want employees to use the vacation they have earned and would encourage them to catch up during 2021 so that it doesn’t occur at the end of 2021. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:15.

Sand made a motion to extend the time off for Christmas to include all of Christmas Eve, as a thank you for all the hard work and all the issue of Covid 19. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

The following residents and township officers joined the meeting at 10:30: Jeff Goehring, Lynn Rall, Don and Cyd Meidinger, Rocky Reule, Don and Corrine Stone, Jim Peterson, and Scott and Cary Wertz. Kent Schimke joined the meeting via electronic means.

Discussion followed concerning the petition to form a Recreation Service District. Elm Township Supervisor Rall stated that the township does not have the funds to maintain the road and is in support of the formation of the district. Discussion followed with comments in support and against the formation. After the discussion, Sand made a motion to give the petitions back to the residents and are requesting there be a public hearing and comment period, with an appropriate notification time, so that all residents understand all aspects of the situation. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski joined the meeting at 11:00. Tykwinski discussed the parcel from the land sale and the use of the land for wetland mitigation. A small portion could be used, but most likely not for the project for 2021. Discussion followed concerning what actions should be done to sell the parcel or if it should be kept in the ownership of the county.

Hamar had a request from Lorraine Township to assist the township in the maintenance of 74th Avenue, because of the amount of truck traffic on that road. The discussion followed on the fact that if the County assists one township, they would have to assist each township. No action was taken.

Michael J Burns Architect Kerry Peuser joined the meeting via electronic means at 11:45. Peuser discussed alternatives to the basement project for the December 17th bid opening that could lower the price of the project. The alternatives will be priced separately on the

bid sheets. Discussion followed concerning the misunderstanding with the CDBG grant that had been applied for earlier in 2020. The completion date has been moved to the end of July.

Sheppard presented a Quit Claim Deed on parcel 10365001 which the taxes were paid by the land owner. Simek made a motion to sign the deed. Sand seconded. Motion carried.

Resident Bagley spoke with the Commission on the basement project. Bagley would like to have a committee to look into other options for the basement project, as the cost is very high. The Committee would then meet with Peuser to discuss these options. Bagley stated that transparency with the public is very important with a project this size and hopes the Commission are not rushing into the project. Sand reminded Bagley and the Commission that this project has been discussed for many years going back to 2010. Commission stated that with the bid opening on December 17th, it is too late in the process for a Committee to be formed.

Hamar thanked Sand for his time as a Commissioner, as Sand has completed his term as County Commissioner on December 7th. Sand has been very helpful and will be missed. All Commissioners agreed and were very thankful for his assistance. Sand stated that it was good to work with everyone on the Commission and the county staff member.

Sand made a motion to adjourn at 12:45.

(December 24, 2020)



We can learn from the Gospel story, the Advent season, that the joy of hearing God’s words of promises, even tho’ we may find ourselves unsure about our next steps, follow Jesus into the uncertainty of the future. Come join us at the Guelph Community Church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for worship and fellowship. Come as you are but you won’t leave as you were.

Randy and Anna hosted a little early Christmas as the Breitbach’s were in residence the 11-13th. After a weekend of making cookies, they invited Grampa and Grama over for brunch on Sunday. There was an abbreviated gift giving before parting.

Beau Thorpe was the guest of honor on Thursday, the 17th, at the Angry Beaver. It was his 12th birthday and as per tradition, Grama made the cake. Ross and Robert’s families were in on that, along with grandparents, of course.

Here’s another history lesson about the Guelph School: In 1922 the 8th grade Commencement exercises were held in June for the Hudson and Port Emma townships. This was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Some of the last names might be familiar to you: Blanche Dennison; George and Lawrence German; Bernard Honl; Cecilia Kelly; Genevieve and Wallace Maddock; Phylis

and Frances McCoy; Volta Rayl; Arthur Spear; Elmer Tobin.

In January of 1934 a night school for adult education under the federal government was organized with an enrollment of 25, teaching home crafts, English, mathematics and typing. This was five nights a week from 7-10. Miss Marion Moch of Forbes was the instructor. That’s all for now!

Rhonda and Dean Reese and John Maddock stopped in at the Waite house on Wednesday afternoon, December 16. Rhonda went on in to Oakes for an indoor visit with her mother, Karen Waite, at the OGSC. Dean and Gauge spent the afternoon hunting for pheasants. John had a brief visit with Dean, did an indoor visit with his dad, Jim Maddock, at OGSC and also greeted Karen through the window. They returned to their homes later in the afternoon.

Lest we forget: We do so appreciate all the donations given to the Guelph Community by Deb Maddock, Larry Schumacher and the Wanda Gebhardt family. This all helps our bottom line.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”  
— Leo F. Buscaglia

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

- 1777 – Kiritimati, also called Christmas Island, is discovered by James Cook.
- 1800 – The Plot of the rue Saint-Nicaise fails to kill Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1814 – Representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States sign the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.
- 1818 – The first performance of "Silent Night" takes place in the church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.
- 1826 – The Egnog Riot at the United States Military Academy begins that night, wrapping up the following morning.
- 1846 – British acquired Labuan from the Sultanate of Brunei for Great Britain.
- 1851 – The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., burns.
- 1865 – Jonathan Shank and Barry Ownby form The Ku Klux Klan.
- 1868 – The Greek Presidential Guard is established as the royal escort by King George I.
- 1871 – The opera Aida premieres in Cairo, Egypt.
- 1906 – Radio: Reginald Fessenden transmits the first radio broadcast; consisting of a poetry reading, a violin solo, and a speech.
- 1911 – Lackawanna Cut-Off railway line opens in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- 1913 – The Italian Hall disaster in Calumet, Michigan results in the deaths of 73 Christmas party participants (including 59 children) when someone falsely yells "fire".
- 1914 – World War I: The "Christmas truce" begins.
- 1920 – Gabriele D'Annunzio surrendered the Italian Regency of Carnaro in the city of Fiume to Italian armed forces.
- 1924 – Albania becomes a republic.
- 1929 – Assassination attempt on Argentine President Hipólito Yrigoyen.
- 1929 – A four alarm fire breaks

- out in the West Wing of the White House in Washington, D.C.
- 1939 – World War II: Pope Pius XII makes a Christmas Eve appeal for peace.
- 1941 – World War II: Kuching is conquered by Japanese forces.
- 1941 – World War II: Benghazi is conquered by the British Eighth Army.
- 1942 – World War II: French monarchist, Fernand Bonnier de La Chapelle, assassinated Vichy French Admiral François Darlan in Algiers, Algeria.
- 1943 – World War II: U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower is named Supreme Allied Commander for the Invasion of Normandy.
- 1945 – Five of nine children become missing after their home in Fayetteville, West Virginia, is burned down.
- 1951 – Libya becomes independent. Idris I is proclaimed King of Libya.
- 1952 – First flight of Britain's Handley Page Victor strategic bomber.
- 1953 – Tangiwai disaster: In New Zealand's North Island, at Tangiwai, a railway bridge is damaged by a lahar and collapses beneath a passenger train, killing 151 people.
- 1964 – Vietnam War: Viet Cong operatives bomb the Brinks Hotel in Saigon, South Vietnam to demonstrate they can strike an American installation in the heavily guarded capital.
- 1964 – Flying Tiger Line Flight 282 crashes after takeoff from San Francisco International Airport, killing three.
- 1966 – A Canadair CL-44 chartered by the United States military crashes into a small village in South Vietnam, killing 129.
- 1968 – Apollo program: The crew of Apollo 8 enters into orbit around the Moon, becoming the first humans to do so. They performed ten lunar orbits and broadcast live TV pictures.

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THE SAVVY SENIOR

How to Write an Online Will

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

Writing a will has never been a high priority to me but this lingering coronavirus crisis has changed my thinking. Can you recommend some good do-it-yourself resources to help me write a simple will?

Getting Older

Dear Getting,

The coronavirus crisis has changed the way a lot of people look at things, including wills. Currently, fewer than half of American adults have prepared a will. But having a last will and testament is important because it ensures that your money and property will be distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death.

If you die without a will, your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets typically are distributed using a hierarchy of survivors. Assets go first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise. Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up to date too.

Online Will Makers

If you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation, writing your own will – with the help of a good online will making program – is a viable alternative to hiring an attorney and much cheaper. Like tax software, these online tools will guide you through a series of questions and will insert your answers into a will for you, and it usually takes less than 20 minutes from start to finish.

Three top-rated do-it-yourself options include the Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2021 downloadable software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$100 and works with Windows and Macs and is valid in every state except Louisiana; LegalZoom (legalzoom.com), which offers basic

wills for \$89 or \$99 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney; and Trust & Will (trustandwill.com) which charges \$89 for a basic will.

If that's more than you're willing to pay, consider FreeWill (freewill.com), which is a completely free will making resource made possible with the support of nonprofit organizations.

When to Hire a Lawyer

If you have considerable financial assets or a complex family situation, like a blended family or child with special needs, it would be smart for you to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (naepc.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 to get your will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

Make it Valid

Be aware that to make your will valid, you must sign and date it and have it witnessed according to the laws of your state. Most states require two witnesses who are not listed as beneficiaries in your will to watch you sign it. Some states also require that a notary witness the signing as well. Nationalnotary.org can tell you if a notary is needed to legalize a will in your state, if remote notary services are available, and how to access such online services to execute your will if you are sheltering at home during the pandemic.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

## Christmas and the Pursuit of Truth HOPE FOR TODAY

By Rev. Clint Decker

Clay Center, Kansas –“Passion for truth.” That is what I wrote down in my Bible some years ago after reading Luke 1:1-4. This is the beginning section of a detailed account of the life of Jesus Christ starting with a historical record of the Christmas story.

Luke, a follower of Jesus, captured my attention when he wrote, “. . . just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you . . . that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:2-4).Do you see how Luke’s passion for truth has provided us an accurate accounting of Jesus’ birth?

Truths are facts. Truth is accuracy. Certainty. It is not wide spread conformity or uniformity, but has a measure of agreeability by some. Luke’s eye witnesses of the life of Christ and the early Apostles were all agreeable. But the enemies of Christ disputed Luke’s claims as mere lies or legend. The thing about truth though, is it stands the harsh winds of criticism, while lies and legends collapse at the gentle breeze of questioning.

2020 has been a year for the battle of truth in many major news events, and Luke has been a great example in how to seek it out.

- Covid-19. One group of infectious disease experts, medical doctors and scientific studies advocate for mask wearing, social distancing, quarantines and shut-downs to stop or slow the spread of the virus. Yet, there is another group of respectable experts, doctors and studies that question those and have differing information and recommendations. Who is right?

- Racism. One group of black intellectuals argue that America is not a racist nation, does not have a systemic racism problem and that white police officers killing young

black men is not a widespread problem. Then a different group of black academics counter that, condemning such conclusions and present their own case. Who is right?

- Election fraud. One group of experienced political analysts and lawyers site signed affidavits of personal witnesses, mathematical improbabilities and pole watchers being severely restricted as evidence of voter fraud. Another group of elected officials and legal experts look at all the data and are fully convinced there was no wide spread voter fraud and dispute all findings to the contrary. Who is right?

Luke did not rely upon public opinion or the thoughts of one or two people about the life of Jesus. He rolled up his sleeves and worked hard at digging up the truth. And his ultimate source of truth was God Himself, working through His Holy Spirit, guiding Luke as he wrote divinely inspired Words.

On Covid-19, let us not look to Dr. Fauci or our personal physician as a source of truth alone. On racism, let us not look to Dr. Thomas Sowell or Rev. Jesse Jackson as a source of truth alone. On election fraud let us not look to the Democrats or Republicans as a source of truth alone.

Let us roll up our sleeves and go through the hard work of seeking out truth for ourselves. Begin with prayer asking God to show you what is true and what is not, no matter where it may lead. Read God’s Word (the source of all truth). Ask questions of others. Respectfully challenge what some state as facts. Listen objectively. Research. Reflect on what you are learning. Pray more. Then take a position with confidence and humility. Remember, without this pursuit of truth we would not be celebrating Christmas.

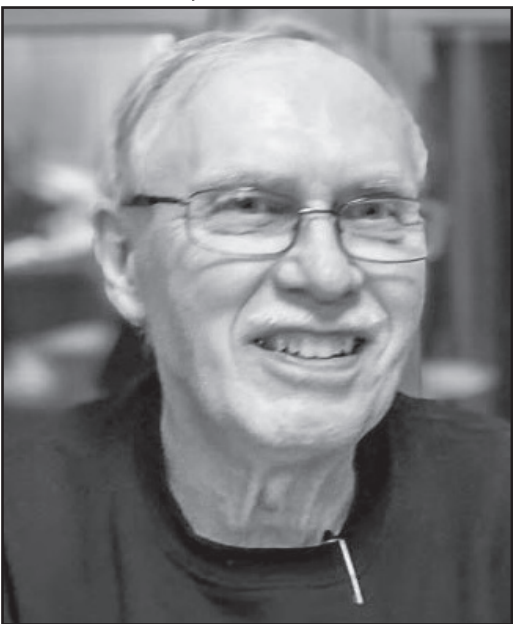


# Obituaries

## Donald J. Asselin December 11, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial was held December 16, 2020 at St. Mary’s Cathedral Upper Church for Donald J. Asselin, age 74, of St. Cloud, who passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home on December 11, 2020. Rev. Jason Asselin and Rev.Scott Pogatchnik concelebrated. Burial, with full military honors, was in Assumption Cemetery in St. Cloud.

Donald was born in 1946 to Joseph Cyprien and Doris Marie (Morrissette) Asselin in Crookston, Minnesota. Upon graduating Oklee High School, he completed a year of college at Bemidji State University, then proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Hissem. In 1971 he married Mary Schreiber in Little Falls, MN. They eventually settled in St. Cloud MN, where he was a woodworker at Woodcraft Industries until his retirement.



Always a devout Catholic, he belonged to Holy Spirit Catholic Church and later St. Mary’s Cathedral. Kindhearted and generous, he joined the Knights of Columbus and devoted time volunteering as a Knight and with Meals on Wheels. When not helping others, his easygoing nature and quick smile brightened the times he spent telling stories and socializing with his friends, family and fellow parishioners. He will be dearly missed as a warm and encouraging presence in the lives he touched.

He is survived by sons, Terrence (Rochelle) Asselin and Rev. Jason Asselin, pastor of St. Helen’s Church in Ellendale; daughters, Jeanette (Marc) Heintzman, Nicole Asselin, and Naomi Asselin; brothers, Jim (Donna), Ken (Sharon), and Bob (Sharon) Asselin and seven grandchildren. Donald is preceded in death by his parents and wife, Mary Katherine (Schreiber) Asselin.

## Esther Virginia Nee Wolff July 24, 1927 - December 7, 2020

Esther Virginia Nee (Schwarz) Wolff, 93 of Ellendale, ND formerly of Monango, ND died December 7, 2020 at her home.

Esther was born on July 24, 1927 at Wirsch, ND in McIntosh County. She was the daughter of Edward and Rachel Flagel Schwarz. She was baptized and confirmed on December 23, 1955 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Monango, ND by Rev. Walter T. Eifert.

Esther attended country school in the Forbes vicinity. In 1948, she was employed at the North Wood Fur Farm in Gary, IL. She was married to Richard Wolff on April 18, 1948 in Crystal Lake, IL by Rev. G.A. Gehra. Esther and Richard lived in Danzig, ND and Ellendale, and finally settled in Monango. In Monango, they had their own business keeping bees and extracting honey.

Esther was an active member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, and served as a cook at the Monango Public School. She enjoyed doing crafts, gardening, and photography for weddings and centennials in Monango, Merricourt and Forbes. Esther enjoyed collecting and recording family history. She was a member of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, and was the source for many people and their genealogy projects. Her husband Richard passed away October 13, 1992. She sold her home in Monango and moved to Ellendale September 5, 1996.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard, and two brothers, Marvin Schwartz and Harry Schwartz. She leaves one son, George Wolff of Las Vegas, NV, three daughters Virginia Evans of Bismarck, ND, Rosella Wolff of Sequim, WA, and Carol Wolff of Carson City, NV. She has six Grandchildren: Amy Dutcher, Mark Wolff, Matthew Neitzke, Rachel Neitzke, Danielle Martinovich and Lindsey Miller. She has two great-grandchildren, one nephew and three nieces.

The funeral was held December, 17 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes, ND. Pastor Alan Eppen officiated, and Katie Miller was the organist. Burial followed at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, west of Forbes. Casket Bearers were Darell Wall, Mike Wolff, Corey Gulke, Tom Klipfel, Mike Klipfel, and Duane Klipfel; Ted Wolff was an Honorary Casket Bearer.

Thank You

We are overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of our relatives, friends and neighbors after Bob’s death. We are reminded once again of the blessings we have from living in a small town where neighbors care about one another. May God bless you all as you have blessed us.

The family of Robert Babcock



# Ellendale Area Church Schedules

**Seventh Day Adventist Church - 400 Main**  
Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30 AM  
Saturday Worship - 11:00 AM

**Presbyterian United Methodist Church, Ellendale**  
**Rev. Dr. Chet Cataldo & Barbara Krumm**  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

**Christ The King Lutheran Church, Ellendale**  
**Pastor Justin Brotzel**  
Sunday Worship Service -900 a.m.  
Sunday School -10:00 a.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale**  
**Pastor - Rev. Paul O.S. Preus**  
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes**  
**Pastor Alan Eppen**  
Worship Service 8.00 a.m.; Sun. School & Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

**Apostolic Lutheran Church (Stateline Road)**  
**Pastor Reino Maunu**  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Services 2nd Sunday of the month and 5th Sunday of the month

**St. Helena’s Catholic Church, Ellendale**  
**Father Jason Asselin**  
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Fullerton**  
**Father Jason Asselin**  
Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

**Prince of Peace Care Center Mass**  
held every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

**Fullerton Union Church**  
**Pastor Rick Wadholm**  
Worship - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

**Church of The Nazarene • Pastor Kelly Riggan**  
Sundays Worship: 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Sunday School, 11:00 am  
Wednesdays: Children & Youth Program 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
**Pastor Glenn Raynor**  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.

**New Life Assembly of God Church**  
**Pastor Kevin Libby**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study.

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# A Christmas Poem by G.K. Chesterton



**Editor's Note:** Living nativity scenes like the one above (at Ellendale's New Life Church 8 years ago) are scarce this season . Outdoor displays (like the one at right, of a historically renowned Ellendale home, remain an inspiration to many. The poem below is by English essayist G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936). The poem is particularly suitable for this year, as it speaks powerfully of outward gloom, decay and loss, all overcome by an innocent newborn child.

## A Child of the Snows

by Gilbert Keith Chesterton

There is heard a hymn when the panes are dim,  
And never before or again,  
When the nights are strong with a darkness long,  
And the dark is alive with rain.  
Never we know but in sleet and in snow,  
The place where the great fires are,  
That the midst of the earth is a raging mirth  
And the heart of the earth a star.  
And at night we win to the ancient inn  
Where the child in the frost is furled,  
We follow the feet where all souls meet  
At the inn at the end of the world.  
The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red,  
For the flame of the sun is flown,  
The gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold,  
And a Child comes forth alone.



# Read About the History of this Area

.... Guest Author: Keith Norman

**Bankers and lawsuits in 1920's Dickey County**  
A train robbery near Minneapolis caused a legal dispute between banks in Ellendale and Monango back in 1924.  
Actually, the incident started in December 1920.  
The Bank of Monango sent more than \$6,000 in liberty bonds to the Ellendale National Bank to be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis to be used as collateral in a loan meant for the Monango bank.  
“When the mail train reached the suburbs of Minneapolis it was set upon by highway robbers and these bonds, with others stolen,” reported The Bismarck Tribune quoting from court records. “The bonds never reached the Federal Reserve Bank.”  
While the article doesn’t go into a lot of detail, I think you can assume the Bank of Monango never got its loan from the Federal Reserve Bank.  
Evidently, the bonds were sent by registered mail with no insurance. Those bonds did not carry any identification and could evidently be converted to cash by anyone who possessed them.  
In other words, it was a good day to be a mail thief in Minneapolis, not so good a day to be a banker in Monango or Ellendale.  
The \$6,000 in bonds would be worth about \$166,000 today when adjusted for inflation. This was real money.  
The case first went to District Court, possibly in

Ellendale, that ruled in favor of the Ellendale bank.  
Their defense seemed to be that the Monango bank had not insured the bonds when they mailed them from Monango to Ellendale so they couldn’t be expected to take additional precautions when they mailed those same bonds to Minneapolis.  
The Bank of Monango appealed to the North Dakota Supreme Court which ruled in its favor saying “rules applicable to currency, in its transmission, should be similarly applied to such bonds.”  
Economic conditions in North Dakota and other rural areas were already growing difficult in the early 1920s. The same issues of The Bismarck Tribune that detailed the Monango vs. Ellendale court case noted bank closures in North Dakota.  
Without guarantees or insurance on deposits to cover bank failures, community members lost money when banks went under.  
There is no way to determine how this lawsuit effected the economies of Monango and Ellendale. Even with a win in the Supreme Court, the Bank of Monango ultimately failed in a few years.  
And there was probably a little animosity between the bankers of Ellendale and Monango back in the early 1920's.

Author Keith Norman can be reached at [www.KeithNormanBooks.com](http://www.KeithNormanBooks.com)

# Antique Ads from the 1890's

There was a young wife in Good Hope,  
Who always used  
**SANTA CLAUS SOAP**.  
She once lost her head,  
Put her washing to bed,  
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<b>Early Bird</b>	Team Pots.....0-4
Bollinger Farms.....15-9	<b>High Games</b> - Jeff Glynn 246,
Elm Lake Resort.....14-10	Barry Vossler 237, Chris Robey 215.
Pin Pushers.....13-11	<b>High Series</b> - Barry Vossler 670,
Jay's Furniture.....11-13	Chris Robey 625, Jerrod Lematta 592.
Ranch House.....11-13	<b>Town &amp; Country</b>
Pahl Farms.....8-16	<b>Week 10</b>
<b>High Games</b> - Cyndal Glynn 215, Jess Ulmer 169, Elaine Scallon 167	Ellendale Pharmacy.....6-2
<b>High Series</b> - Cyndal Glynn 501, Niki Pahl 457, Emily Orwig 437.	Pheasant Lanes.....6-2
<b>Town &amp; Country</b>	YA Moose.....5-3
<b>Week 9</b>	Green Leon Group.....5-3
YA Moose.....4-0	Dickey Co Abstr.....4-4
Ellendale Pharmcy.....3-1	True Value.....4-4
Pheasant Lanes.....3-1	Farmers Union Ins.....2-63
True Value.....3-1	Team Pots.....0-8
Dickey Co Abstr.....1-3	<b>High Games</b> - Chris Robey 236,
Farmers Union Ins.....1-3	Kenny Krein 223, Josh Lematta 222.
Green Iron Equip.....1-3	<b>High Series</b> - Jacob Herman 583,
	Kenny Krein 582, Kyle Glynn 580.

**ABREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH**

**North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (“Department”)**

will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the N.D. Administrative Code Article 33.1-10 at the following time and location:

**North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality**  
918 E Divide Ave  
4th Floor Conference Room  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
Tues., January 19, 2021  
8:30 a.m. CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Radiation Control Program at 918 E Divide Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501, emailing [ram@nd.gov](mailto:ram@nd.gov) or calling (701)328-5166. Written or oral comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address, email address or telephone number until January 31, 2021.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number at least two days prior to the public hearing.

DUE TO COVID-19 and the limited number of people that can be accommodated due to limited capacity, we encourage written or oral comments be submitted as set forth above. There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701)328-5166 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.  
Dated this 14th day of December, 2020.  
David Stradinger, Manager  
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# 2020 Parade of Lights

*Photos & Story by Ken Smith*

Ellendale's annual Parade of Lights was a happy occasion. The weather was a bit nippy, but not as cold as usual for a December 19 North Dakota evening.

Lots of vehicles with bright lights and decorations (including city vehicles) lined up near the Zion Lutheran church. Just after 5:00 they came up first Avenue, headed down Main Street, then up to Prince of Peace and back. A fair amount of candy was tossed out and retrieved by eager youngsters. Lots of folks stayed in their vehicles to watch, but there were a lot out on the street too, laughing and smiling and enjoying hot cocoa and coffee and free homemade cookies.

Ellendale's hardworking elf, Jolene Maunu, promoted the parade and emceed, with a

live video feed for the folks who couldn't be there in person. Her companions in Christmas entertainment were Santa (Brandon Gunn), the Grinch (Megan Weibe), and (as revealed at the end of the parade), this year's Frosty, who was played by Sam Haase.

Two things are of special note in this year's parade. First, residents and staff at Evergreen got to watch the parade through the big new front windows that were recently installed. Second, the Grinch was not up to any evil tricks this time. His face was not the most pleasant to look upon, but clearly he had already gone through his conversion experience and was out to enjoy a good pre-Christmas celebration with his friends in Whoville (Ellendale).

The *Leader* congratulates the Chamber members and everyone who put in the time and effort to keep this seasonal tradition lively.

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# CARDINAL BOYS AND GIRLS IN ACTION



*Roberta Johnson*  
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**CARDINAL BOYS**

The Cardinals opened their season last Tuesday with a win over South Border, 61-27. Friday they were scheduled to host Oakes in the Cowbell game, however that game was postponed due to COVID issues with the Oakes' boys squad. make up date has not been scheduled as yet.

If all goes as planned the Cardinals will be home December 22, hosting Napoleon/GS and home again December 29th hosting Mobridge/Pollock.

**Ellendale 61 South Border 27**  
The Cards opened their season with a Region 3 victory over the Mustangs of South Border in a game played in Ashley. The Cards had a 21-7 lead at the end of one and 35-14 lead at the half as their defense played strong. The Cards put 10 points on the board in the third and 16 points in the 4th for the 61-27 victory.

Scott Wagner led the team in scoring with 16 points followed by Wyatt Henningson with 10. The Cards shot 49.1% from the floor and were 4 of 11 from the free throw line. The team grabbed 35 rebounds with Wagner leading the way with 8. As a team they committed 19 turnovers and had 14 personal fouls. Defensively, they forced the Mustangs to turn the ball over 31 times.

Scoring: Scott Wagner 16, Wyatt Henningson 10, Chance Durham and Eric Blondo 7, Mason Molan and Riley Thorpe 6, Levi Reis 5 and Anton Geller 4.

**CARDINAL GIRLS**  
The Lady Cardinals started their season with a District 5 contest at LaMoure last Tuesday, a difficult team to start off the season. The Loboes defeated the Cardinals 63-17 as the Cards had a difficult time getting the balls to fall through the basket.

Abby Molan led the team with 5

points followed by Kali Norton and Chloe Bollinger with 4 each and Morgan Fischer and Anna Elsen with 2 each.

The next game on the schedule was another tough one as they hosted a tough Oakes Tornado team.

**Oakes 57 Ellendale 26**  
The Cardinals met up with another strong opponent in Oakes last Friday. This was originally scheduled to be a double-header game with the boys also playing Oakes in the CowBell game. However, that game had to be postponed due to COVID issues with the Oakes squad.

The Lady Cardinals played the Tornadoes strong in this game but the strength of Oakes in the middle was too much. Both teams played a close game the first half with Oakes leading 18-10 at the end of the first quarter as they had an 8-0 run to end the quarter.

Morgan Fischer hit a 3-point bucket to start the Cardinals and Abby Molan added bucket

and sank a 3-pointer and Jada Henningson hit from out front to tie the score midway through the quarter.

Molan hit a free throw to start the second quarter and then added her second try, this from the right elbow. Oakes had a 27-15 lead at the half.

The third quarter was rough on the Cards as they only put 4 points on the board. Molan sank her third 3-pointer and Chloe Bollinger had a free throw. Meanwhile Oakes had a good quarter with Christena Walker putting in 21 points and their lead grew to 48-19 after three.

Molan had a rebound and bucket, added a free throw, Christena Walker hit a bucket from out front and Siera Bollinger hit a bucket to end the scoring.

Scoring for Ellendale:  
Abby Molan 16, Morgan  
Fisher 3, Jada Henningsen 2,  
Siera Bollinger 2, Christena



Walker 2 and Chloe Bollinger. The Cards were 2 of 8 from the free throw line and they committed 12 personal fouls.

Next up for the Lady Cardinals was Napoleon. They were scheduled to play at Napoleon Monday, December 21st and then take short break from action over Christmas, returning

to action December 29th when they will host Mobridge/Pollock (SD) in a double header with the Cardinal boys.

After the first of the year, they play at Strasburg with Strasburg/Zeeland January 5th and January 7th they are home with Kidder County.

*Photos by  
Christy Peterson*



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